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Kathleen Marsh McFadzen

Kae doesn't have to drag James to these reunions - he insists on coming - and for one who travelled as a salesman for a living that's got to be a compliment to all of us! Kae, you're dry humour never fails - it's such a delight. Kae and James are happy with their move to Barrie. Their son and daughter are near by. They say we certainly should plan for a 50th - they'll be there.

Frances McConnell Ziegler

Fran and Peter have been travelling a lot since Peter retired a year and a half ago. Fran is painting again and has been to Mexico several times, where she plans to go again in 85. They keep active at tennis and enjoy cottage life at Southampton on Lake Huron - as well as many good friends - Amen to that and so say all of us.

Dorothy McKenzie

No word from Dorothy - Sorry.

Winn McLennan Johnston

Winn had to leave Russ behind this time, he's more comfortable at home these days. But that Winn - we hear she scooted over to Europe 5 days after she got back from the reunion and home the night before Marj's daughter's wedding. She and Russ go South for the winter months. Winn's been too busy to write her news, but it was wonderful to see her and to have her play for us again. Winn at the piano was one of my most wonderful memories of M.E.S. Thanks again Winn. Winn saw Miss Layton in August, who still lives alone at 93? Remarkable.

Shirley Muddiman

Shirley has retired now and enjoys Ingersoll very much. Her sister lives in Ingersoll, too, now. She has almost 4 great nieces and nephews - definitely news - Shirley! She keeps busy travelling, playing tennis, golf and is involved with Scottish Country Dancing. That explains your successful part in the skit at the reunion - Shirley!! We should all do it.

Katherine Reed Swanson

Kay and Dick had planned to come to the 45th but they just got back from Maine on the 6th of September. Their son was married on September 15 and on the 20th - Kay and her sister left for a trip to Scotland and England. Kay retired from teaching 4 years ago but still substitutes. She's also a volunteer with "mobile meals" and at the Medical Centre. They have 2 daughters and 1 son and 2 grandchildren. Dick retired 3 years ago and is taking courses in theology - just for his own edification. He's been a lay reader in the Episcopal Church for 35 years. Dick may feel he's in good company with his hearing problem - Don't let that stop you from coming to the 50th, Dick! Kay suggests a resort in Maine - We'll have to follow that up.

Patty Sterne Sanders

This report is just a little bit later coming out than I'd planned, but Patty called to ask me to wait till after the mini reunion in Toronto on the 14th and I'm glad I did because I wanted all of you to hear about that too. At the reunion banquet Patty reported her phone call results with some who couldn't be there. 1) Elinor's husband had had surgery earlier in the summer and wasn't up to travelling that far so soon. 2) Marion Hobday Allen said she often found herself dancing a jig or running for the bus. She is 77 and has a daughter in N.Y. who is a friend of Wardley's daughter. 3) Jean Sutton had a wedding for her daughter in October. 4) Fran Christie - both she and her husband had health problems and were not well enough to travel. 5) Dorothy Laidlaw was on a trip on the Q.E.II to Europe. 6) Kay Reed, on a trip to England - All sent greetings to everyone and expressed interest in a 50th. Frank is semi-retired - in other words - like my Allan - he works at home when he's not at the office! Frank supplied balloons for the party with M.E.S. '39-'84 printed on each. He gave Phoebe a hard time at the coffee shop that first night singing Happy Birthday! He was way off!

Jean Sutton Hill

No reply from Jean, but we've heard about her daughter's wedding - wonderful news, Jean. Was she the one who was so ill when we were at Ronnville 5 years ago? Jean did go to the mini so we know she's still interested.

Elinor Walker Chadwick

Had a note from Elinor from Tripp Island where she and Harry were vacationing in November. The note took 20 days to get here - was it our postal service or the U.S. postal service, I wonder? Anyway, she was delighted to have Sylvia's note after the reunion. She's doubtful about a 50th - unless close by - who knows how we'll all feel 5 years from now?! Saw El and Harry in May 83 at their place on Lake Simcoe. Dorothy C. joined us and we had a nice visit.

Rhoda Wood

Rhoda writes that Warren has had his share of heart surgery so they take each day as it comes. They enjoy their mobile home park and the scenery, in a hunting, fishing, camping area - as well as a ski resort. The park is well maintained and they are close to medical services - a number one priority. They have between them, 6 grandchildren (having both been married previously) and enjoy them all thoroughly. Rhoda was delighted to hear from Sylvia, too, and comments about the strong bond between all of us from our years at "dear old Margaret Eaton" so she says "Sure! Lets shoot for a 50th and I'll try so hard to be there. Let's always keep in touch everyone - you are all special and I love you". Love and hugs from Rhoda.

Julia Wright Fairley

Julia and Jim thoroughly enjoyed themselves at Okanagan, being with old friends and hearing about the things that went on in residence which Julia and others missed by being day students. They are looking forward to a 50th also and plan to be there.

What a shame that these letters couldn't be shared with all of you in their entirety. I've enjoyed them so much and hope that these edited notes of each will satisfy you. You know I can't help but notice that through them all there runs a common thread - that all of you are very concerned, caring and serving people in your communities - that all of you are very devoted to your families and friends and are justly proud of your children who have succeeded in their professional fields.

Thank you again, Western hostesses, for arranging our 45th. According to all it was well organized, in a beautiful setting with good friends and a huge success. So on to the 50th. Merry Christmas everyone and Happy New Year from the Duffus group.

Since so many of you have asked to be assessed to cost share this newsletter, i.e. postage, printing, paper and photograph - how does \$2.00 sound?

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MARGARET EATON SCHOOL
by Irma Meyer Manning

In this 150th year of Toronto, we look back at the many things that have contributed to its greatness and one of them is the Margaret Eaton School. Mrs. Margaret Eaton and Mrs. Naismith, the first principal, worked together. In 1905 they started the Margaret Eaton School - the School of Literature and Expression which included drama, Greek dancing, and exercises. It was built by W.R. Mead, an architect, and was located at 46/48 North Street. It also housed many cultural occasions. This building was a copy of a Greek temple - a perfect gem. The Greek letters on the temple said "Beauty and fitness". It is said that the students started every morning by saying "we strive for the good and the beautiful." It is sad that progress takes precedence over greatness. The building was demolished in 1920/21 to make way for the Bay Street extension. That was the swan song of the Greek revival in Toronto.

Following this, under Miss Mary Hamilton, physical Director, the Margaret Eaton School became the Margaret Eaton School of Health and Physical Education and moved to 415 Yonge Street in the Eaton's Girls' Club Building. This school became famous in USA and across Canada. An interesting point is that Mrs. Naismith's husband invented the game of basketball - that world-famous game was Canadian born.

There was a young girl, who graduating from Harbord Collegiate, was called by Col. Hagarty, the principal, into his office. He said, "and what do you intend to do with your life?" She said, "Sir, I intend to play." His great voice rang out "PLAY." "You mean to play your life away?" She said, Yes, I intend to learn how to play and referee games and camping at the Margaret Eaton School of Health and Physical Education."

Miss Mary Hamilton felt that the students of MES should have camping experience and so, aided by Nora McClennan, she opened camp Tanamakoon in Algonquin Park. The camp specialized in paddling, swimming, canoe tripping and campcraft, and was intended to train girls to be camp leaders.

My first experience in Algonquin Park has never left me. After leaving Union station, we arrived at Scotia Junction and then boarded a train to the Park. We arrived at Highland Inn. We paddled through Cache Lake and down the river where a beaver surfaced and slapped its tail so hard that I was soaked with Algonquin water. In a few minutes a huge buck was seen drinking from the lake. Having heard our paddles, it raised itself off the ground, turned and disappeared in a second. The reflection of him in the water, will always be there in my memory.

It was a cold September and the dock was shining in ice. We knew we were there to be toughened up so went swimming even though it was snowing. We were trained in canoeing on rough waters. I recall climbing the forest ranger's tower where the Algonquin Park in autumn colours was like flower beds in blue grass.

When arriving home in Toronto, I was 16 pounds heavier! We used to run to the school, run up the spiral stair case and then jog for a mile around the track. We had 8 hours a day of training and education. We had exercises, folk dancing, gymnastics from various countries, and subjects like the history of games around the world. We played lacrosse in Ramsden Park and hockey in Varsity arena. The 16 pounds were soon gone.

In addition to Miss Hamilton's exercise programs and camping programs, there were Miss Pollard's programs which included physiotherapy, massage and remedial exercises.

How can anyone be more grateful for the wonderful varied education provided by the Margaret Eaton School? It took me ultimately around the world when the Canadian YWCA sent me to India to open a Physical Education College in Calcutta.

In 1940, the Margaret Eaton School was combined with the University of Toronto. Miss Somers, Dorothy Jackson, Miss Layton and others, supervised the hand over. The Margaret Eaton School was left in its proper place and history was made. Its famous library still exists within the Nora Benson Building at the University of Toronto Athletic Centre where students continue to play.

The decision of that girl from Harbord Collegiate to "Play" by attending the Margaret Eaton School certainly paid off.



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